



## ***Agenda*** ***Sister Cities Commission***

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September 28, 2017  
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
6:00 PM

**I. Roll Call**

**II. Seating of Alternates**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Approval of Minutes: June 22, 2017**

**V. Approval of Agenda: September 28, 2017**

**VI. Announcements / Correspondence**

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

**VII. Public Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record.

Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

**VIII. Old Business**

**1. FY17-18 Work Plan & Council Presentation**

**Background:** The SCC is required to submit a work plan each year, which it does on a fiscal year basis to coincide with the academic year. Commissioners reviewed and approved the work plan included in the agenda packet.

**Recommendation:** Review draft slides about the FY17-18 Work Plan for presentation to City Council on October 3, 2017.

**2. Possible Sister City Relationship with a Latin America City**

**Background:** Recent research has centered in finding a sister city near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Chair Grilli is the lead commissioner for this research.

**Recommendation:** Review and discuss new information as it becomes available.

**3. Discuss Interest in Sister City Relationship with Bangalore (Bengaluru), India**

**Background:** Commissioner Awasthi is lead commissioner for this research.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from Commissioner Awasthi.

- 4. Contact with Milpitas High School (MHS) Leadership Team and Host Families**  
**Background:** Staff met with Principal Francis Rojas on August 4 to review a draft itinerary, list of expectations for home stay hosts, and the 2017 Host Family application form. These items are included in the agenda packet. Assistant Principal Cheryl Rivera was assigned as the contact for home stays and the week of events.

**Recommendation:** Receive staff report of the home stay coordination and week of activities for September 16 – 24, 2017

- 5. Current Ideas in Motion to Promote the Sister City Program**

**Background:** The SCC discussed five possible community promotion areas at its May 25 meeting. Social and print media were decided to be the most favorable outlets to promote the program.

**Recommendation:** Discuss progress to be made in these areas.

- 6. ePal Project with Sister Cities**

**Background:** This project was on hold for the summer and resumed in September with a new set of juniors from the Digital Business Academy.

**Recommendation:** Receive staff update.

- 7. Tsukuba City, Japan**

**Background:** Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Arefi is the lead commissioner.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

- 8. Dagupan City, Philippines**

**Background:** Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Tsai is the lead commissioner.

A delegation of officials and students visited Milpitas and attended staff trainings and school, respectively. The itineraries are included in the agenda packet.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

- 9. Huizhou Municipality, China**

**Background:** Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018. Vice Chair Chang is the lead commissioner.

**Recommendation:** Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

**IX. Student Liaison Report**

**X. City Council Liaison Report**

**XI. School District Liaison Report**

**XII. Future Agenda Items**

**Ongoing Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges**

1. Tsukuba, Japan
2. Dagupan, Philippines
3. Huizhou, China
4. Possible New Business: as noted by SCC members and approved by the Chair.

**XIII. Adjournment**

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